

2009-2010 Special Session
State Legislative Special Session Report as of 05/19/2009

Note: There have been no changes to any special session bills of interest to the Board since our last Board meeting.

ABX3 24 (Jones) Implementation of CHIPRA and ARRA

Version: Introduced 01/22/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 01/22/2009-Bill contains only intent language thus far

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation implementing provisions of both the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

SBX3 25 (Cox) Abolition of First 5 Commission and Redirection of Funds to HFP and Medi-Cal

Version: Introduced 02/10/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 02/10/2009-First reading

This bill would abolish the state California Children and Families (First 5) Commission and the county children and families commissions, effective 90 days after the bill is approved by the voters at a statewide election. The bill would require the county commissions to distribute 50% of their unencumbered local First 5 funds to county treasurers and the remaining 50% to county offices of education to be shared with school districts in the county. It would also require any unencumbered funds held by the state First 5 Commission to be transferred to the state General Fund (GF). Additionally, future cigarette tax revenues that would have been directed to the First 5 Commission and the county commissions would instead be directed to the General Fund. The bill would then require these GF funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the Healthy Families Program and the Medi-Cal program.

SBX3 26 (Alquist) CHIPRA Implementation

Version: Amended 4/16/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 4/16/2009-Senate RULES

This bill is identical to SB 311 (Alquist, 2009-10). This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to implement key elements of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, including receiving federal matching funds for enrolling eligible immigrant children, implementing changes to citizen documentation requirements, ensuring parity in state mental health and substance abuse coverage, establishing new payment methods for clinics participating in the Healthy Families Program, measuring quality of care within child health programs, and taking advantage of the increased federal funding that may be available to California, including funding for performance bonuses and outreach.

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* New bill since previous Board meeting

Contingent upon federal financial participation and only to the extent that the Legislature appropriates funds for the following purpose, this bill would require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) to provide dental-only coverage as authorized by the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. The bill would deem regulations necessary to implement this coverage as emergency regulations and would exempt such regulations from requirements that the emergency be substantiated in writing.

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